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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:21 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Carvel Zimin Jr

Good comments on your Denali Com. Appointment.

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----- Original Message -----

From: McKinnon and Associates, LLC <mgmckinnon@gci.net>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 21:17:37 2007
Subject: RE: Carvel Zimin Jr

Frank,

No need to reply, know you are busy. Carvel did an excellent job at the project meeting December 12-13; showed himself to be an excellent Alaskan in a room full of excellent Alaskans. What a great effort on your part.

Merry Christmas to you and yours,

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 5:40 PM
To: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Needs help

Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Denby Lloyd
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: M Nizich
Cc: K Perry
Cc: Janice Mason
Sent: Dec 20, 2007 4:12 PM
Subject: RE: Needs help

We'll give Mr. Gerbin a call. DL.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
907-465-4719

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:07 PM
To: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Needs help

Philip Ray Gerbin has asked f and g for assistance as he missed moose

season for military service. Pls call him 745-5780 he's ingiured and was
not given answers. Pls call him. Thanksy

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:36 PM
To: Beth Leschper
Cc: Dan T (DOA) Seamount; Mike Tibbles; John Katz
Subject: Re: IOGCC Release

If katz and seamount like it then yes, we'll sign
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 14:29:40

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Seamount, Dan T (DOA)" <dan.seamount@alaska.gov>

Subject: IOGCC Release

Governor:

IOGCC would like to send out a release that addresses the recent legislation for the federal spending package that would reduce state/federal revenue sharing for oil and gas produced on federal land and cut states' shares by 2%. This has been a 50/50 split. The current legislation makes it 48/52 - the feds would keep an additional 2 percent for administrative costs.

Here's a chart that shows the states that are most affected:

Highest State Deductions Based on FY 2007 Federal Mineral Revenue Disbursements

Wyoming - \$18,505,238
New Mexico - \$11,058,689
Utah - \$2,708,593
Colorado - \$2,457,844
California - \$1,224,818
Montana - \$783,165

Louisiana - \$480,591

Alaska - \$435,933

Texas - \$433,345

North Dakota - \$275,508

I've attached a draft release and pasted the text below. You would be addressing the issue as IOGCC chairman.

John Katz has reviewed the draft.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

907-465-3443

907-723-1321

Oil and Gas Producing States to Fight Federal Revenue Sharing Provision

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) announced today that it will fight to restore funding cut by the passage of a Congressional spending package provision that will reduce states' share of revenues from federal oil and gas production.

The provision reallocates funding from a current 50-50 split of federal oil and gas revenues to a 48-52 percent split. This results in a 2 percent reduction of federal oil and gas revenue income to the states - and an unjustified 2 percent increase in revenue to the federal government.

"The IOGCC has long advocated for a fair 50-50 split on revenue and was in fact instrumental in achieving that goal several years ago," said Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, IOGCC chairman. "This latest Congressional action poses a significant threat to states and state programs. The IOGCC will continue to do everything in its power to fight this provision."

Gov. Palin said she is also concerned that this Congressional action would set a precedent in reducing the share of revenue that is distributed to the states.

"We believe that the federal government has not made its case for this action," said IOGCC Acting Executive Director Gerry Baker. "Previous studies have shown that states can administer the revenue distribution at a much lower cost than the federal government."

Although the new provision will affect many states, it will hit western states with the most public lands the hardest. Such is the case with New Mexico, an IOGCC member state.

"Revenue from oil and gas production on federal land is an important source of income for the state of New Mexico," said Mark Fesmire, chairman of New Mexico's Oil Conservation Commission. "This new provision would hit the state hard and would reduce our share of revenue by more than \$11 million per year."

The IOGCC, representing the governors of 30 member and eight associate states, promotes the conservation and efficient recovery of the nation's oil and natural gas resources while protecting health, safety, and the environment. Established by the charter member states' governors in 1935, it is the oldest, largest, and most effective interstate compact in the nation.

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Office

Leaving salvation army thing now and will be in office for agia

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:06 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

Not your fault I should have checked directions days ago

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 13:04:46 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

I've been trying Franci on her cell phone now for awhile, but I'll keep trying and see if I can reach Ray Nix. Sorry for the confusion.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:02 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
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Sent: Thu Dec 20 12:11:39 2007
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To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Ag

Kris where's the old glenn turn off?

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Thu Dec 20 11:57:08 2007

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:37 PM
To: marineferlife7@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. scott kelley

address: 263 CORDELL CIRCLE JACKSONVILLE NC 28540
910-388-1341

MESSAGE:

My name is Cpl. Scott E. Kelley and I am currently deployed in Iraq and some of my fellow Marines had told me that their state had a program where they would send the state flag to deployed service members I was wondering if Alaska had this program I was born in Alaska and lived there for many years but I am currently stationed in North Carolina. If we do not have this program I would like to request a flag be sent to me if that is at all possible my mailing address is as follows:

Cpl. Kelley, Scott E.

VMM-263

Unit 77062

P.O. AE 09509-7062

Thank you for your time,

Cpl. Kelley

VMM-263

marineferlife7@yahoo.com

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:35 PM
To: Maricle; Martin D (DNR)
Subject: RE: Natural_Resources

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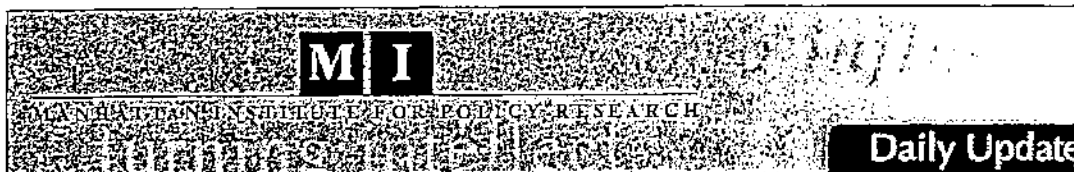
From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:33 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Natural_Resources

Web mail from:

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
 Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:36 PM
 To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
 Subject: FW: Manhattan Institute Daily Update

From: Manhattan Institute [mailto:tni@manhattan-institute.org]
 Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:00 AM
 To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
 Subject: Manhattan Institute Daily Update



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December 20, 2007

ARTICLES

NY's Bloated Hospitals

Steven Malanga, *New York Post*, December 20, 2007

Even as the '08 presidential candidates stress the need to reform health care, New York state is leading the way - backward. A year after the landmark Berger Commission report called for modest cuts in New York's excess hospital capacity, the state has lost ground. . .

Beware the Witches of Grammar

John McWhorter, *New York Sun*, December 20, 2007

(This article also appeared on the [National Review Online Web Briefing](#))

The fierceness with which people hold to the idea that there are things English speakers say that contravene logic, and thus constitute lapses in intelligence, grace, and civility, is a peculiar experience for a linguist. . . This tradition of grammatical witchhunting is founded so deeply in perceptions of intelligence and social standing that no amount of argumentation, I suspect, could penetrate it meaningfully. . .

The Best Disinfectant

Nicole Gelinas, *City Journal Online*, December 19, 2007

New York attorney general Andrew Cuomo is trying to do something revolutionary in New York State: let voters know what's going on. His newly launched website, Project Sunlight, quotes James Madison: "People who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives"--before giving a guided tour of Albany and its all-too-secretive inhabitants. It's a promising start, but only a start. . .

TELEVISION

Nicole Gelinas on Fox Business Channel's "Cavuto"

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On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Nicole Gelinas, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and *City Journal* Contributing Editor, discussed the significance of the housing crisis in the ongoing Presidential campaign on "Cavuto," airing nationally on Fox Business Channel.

Steven Malanga on PBS's "NY Voices"

On Tuesday, December 18, 2007, Manhattan Institute senior fellow and *City Journal* senior editor Steven Malanga was on PBS's "NY Voices." He discussed Wall Street and New York City's economy. This show will air again on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM ET in the New York tri-state area.

R A D I O

Max Schulz on Westwood One's "Lars Larson Show"

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Max Schulz, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute's Center for Energy Policy and the Environment, critiqued the new energy bill, signed yesterday by President Bush, on the nationally syndicated "Lars Larson Show."

W E B M A G A Z I N E S

PointofLaw.com

More successful countersuits by docs?

Posted by Walter Olson

Not clear at all whether there's a trend -- and the legal system is set up to make it extremely hard for doctors to prevail in countersuits -- but the AMA's American Medical News notes that three Ohio doctors have succeeded in getting their legal fees paid by adversaries over the past six months, along with a similar such case in Mississippi. . .

MindingTheCampus.com

A Surprisingly Welcome Financial Aid Shake Up

Posted by Anthony Paletta

Harvard's announcement, on December 10, that it was eliminating student loans, and otherwise increasing grant support for lower and middle income students, has set off a torrent of welcome news in the last nine days. . .

MedicalProgressToday.com

It's the Little Things That Really Count

Posted by Benjamin Zycher

Forget about that 10 percent reduction in Medicare reimbursements for physicians, scheduled to take effect January 1. Congress, reflecting the joy of the Holiday Season, is about to approve an increase of - roll the drums, please - 0.5 percent. For six whole months! . . .

Sincerely,

William G. Zeiser
Press Officer

Samara M. Klar
Press Officer

Bridget E. Sweeney
Press Officer

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:34 PM
To: Daak; Linda M (CED)
Subject: RE: Holiday leave

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From: Daak, Linda M (CED)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:02 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Holiday leave

Thanks for the leave on Christmas Eve, I really appreciate it.

Time is a great g

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:33 PM
To: Wright, Robert L (DOT)
Subject: RE: Labor

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Subject: Labor

Web mail from: Mr. robert wr

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
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To: Wood; Elisha A (DOA)
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Keeter, Kelly J (HSS)
Subject: RE: December 24 Schedule

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From: Keeter, Kelly J (HSS)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:05 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: FW: December 24 Schedule

Dear Governor Palin: With the utmost respect and pleasure, I feel co

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
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To: drshorte@hotmail.com
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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. james trissel
address: p.o. box 3768 soldotna AK 99669
(907) 283-5455

MESSAGE:

I would like to make a few comments to governor Palin. I have a big problem with the use of the money that we MAY get. I understand trying to forward fund education but just like everyone else in this entire world the education system needs to learn how to live within there means. I understand first hand the differed maintenance problems but I believe they should trim the budget and eliminate waste before receiving any additional funds. Also I would like to see the PERS funding problem fixed. I am a city worker and the only reason I and many others work for the government agencies is the retirement program. The problem was created by the state and they should fund the program and work on making the PERS system stay in the black. Also I voted for you because I heard you talk allot about fixing the budget and having the state live within our means. So far I see us spending more and not saving, or paying off our debt. I want someone to start making tough choices so that my 2 year

old son will not have to fix the problems we are now facing. I love Alaska and have since I moved here back in 90'. I want to stay here and live my entire life here. We are the richest state that I have ever been to and lived in and we can remain that way for years to come. The biggest topic that I would like for you to tackle, like you are working on, is getting gas back down to the Kenai. I have heard a lot of people talking about the gas line down to here and also I hear people talking about the lack of industry here to be a large user. As with anything else you have to have the supply before the industry will commit to work in the area. We as a state will need to make the investment before people are going to invest with us. Industry would like to see some investment and concessions before they are going to invest. If you put as much energy into the gas line that you did for the failing Mat-maid we would have a gas line in half the time. I would like to have some inform

ation on what you would like to see happen!

n and how you are going to accomplish the task. Again I would like to see the paying off of debt and saving for the future. Please contact me and let me know where I am wrong with the comments and what information I need to make informed choices. I also invite you to call me and talk to me anytime. My Cell phone number is 252-9854. Call me anytime and i will make time to talk to you. I would like to let you know i used to live in Wasilla and found your work there to be great.

drshorte@hotmail.com

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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address: 505 hirst st sitka AK 99835

MESSAGE:

I am concerned that our planned budget for 2008 will not be a planned deficit. It is essential that we operate within our financial ability and do not increase but rather decrease our debt. We must operate our state within our means. It is a great concern that our natl. government and our state continue to carelessly spend without regard for a larger vision and scope for the future. It must begin NOW, first on our state level and in a greater degree the federal gov. COULD WE PLEASE RESOLVE OUR FINACIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY. 9++ TRILLION ??????

thanks,
blessings to you
brian

mpierce@ptialaska.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:26 PM
To: Flygstad; Jane M (DPS)
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:05 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jane Fly

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:19 PM
To: jdmack@alaska.net
Subject: RE: Thank You!

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-----Original Message-----

From: jdmack@alaska.net [mailto:jdmack@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:41 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Thank You!

Governor Palin,

As a State of Alaska employee, I

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:18 PM
To: DAVIDLANDTERESAB@STARBAND.NET
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from:

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:13 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

I'll have to go back to wasilla before finding it then so let them know I prob won't make it in time

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 12:11:39 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Old glenn can be accessed by going thru Palmer (like you were on your way to cemetery or Butte - I think the road is Arctic thru Palmer) or it can be accessed by taking the Old Glenn exit off the flats.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>
To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Ag

Kris where's the old glenn turn off?

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 11:57:08 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Governor - just spoke to them. Go out Old Glen - Go 7-8 miles and you will come to Yellow Blinking Lt. turn Right - continue approx. 3-4 miles and you will come to Spur Rd. - small sign probably covered in snow - there is a gate there. Let me know and I can call you to walk you through also. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:51 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Ag

I'm looking for this ag christmas party. So far no luck- any more info on location?

Unknown

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:12 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ag

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To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
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Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Ag

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:06 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Pls note aft mtg with gasline team today

Unknown

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:03 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Ag

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:01 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

Has no idea it was so far away. I doubt I can make it in time and still make other stops before 2pm event.

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:36 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Really, no one needs to be there as I hand out certificates - its an easy one and wasn't planning on security.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:24:31

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE:

If you pull up to the entrance, Bob will take and park the vehicle for you. Janice, when you speak with them, can you find out what entrance the event will be held and I'll let Bob know. Governor, I'll plan on being at the Walmart event.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:20 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re:

Pls ask them where I should park- and hopefully I'm getting out right after the check-giving ceremony bc traffic is horrible across town- it took me two hours to get home last night and I need to be back in the office to meet on gasline right after this walmart event. I can't be there an hour.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:17:06

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject:

Governor - I have updated calendar to reflect Wal-Mart Event for today:

Location: Wal-Mart Store - 8900 Old Seward Hwy. - ENTER Front of Store - South end by McDonald's

2:00 p.m. beginning of event. Wal-Mart will present check of \$25,000 (500 gift cards) to the Salvation Army. The Wal-Mart Manager is Marty Howard. Marty is celebrating 27 years with Wal-Mart. Major Doug Pollerud, Salvation Army Divisional Commander will be accepting the check for the Salvation Army.

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Janice

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:24 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: WalMart

Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 10:22:02 2007
Subject: RE: WalMart

Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: WalMart

Is there someone I should hook up with at the 2pm Salvation Army thing at wal mart today? Did they want me to park anywhere in a designated area?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:23 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Nueman

Right on.

He just sent me a letter asking for a donation to his campaign. Oh dear Lord...

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:21:57

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Nueman

Newman is now calling me. I will call him back and tell him that we do not have a million dollar slush fund and there is no legal appropriation to give the farmers \$200,000. [REDACTED]
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Privileged or Personal Material Hope that is OK.

Mike

From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:51 AM

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Nueman

Governor,

I spoke to Rep. Neuman yesterday afternoon about his comments and asked him specifically what he meant. He said it is his understanding that the governor has "a million dollar discretionary account" and could use \$200,000 of that to help dairy farmers (specifically the group led by Kyle Beus).

He was emphatic that any more money from the legislature would take until spring, which is too late (From today's ADN: "In the meantime, the state Creamery Board on Friday authorized a request to the Legislature for up to \$200,000 in financial aid for the four farmers"). He's upset that state officials had a problem with the dumping of the milk. He said farmers are at the point where there going to have to "take the cows out in the field and shoot them."

He remains disappointed that he cannot get a meeting with you to discuss this issue. You'll remember he tried during the special session. He wondered if he'd done something that upset you. I told him I had no knowledge of any specific issue and declined to speculate.

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I'll stand by for now.

Russ

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:26 AM

To: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: Nueman

Russ- pls find out what Nueman meant, speaking on KTUU saying "the gov has discretionary funds to help... I look to her to keep MatMaid open".

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Where can I find diane kaplan to give her a gift?

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-----Original Message-----

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Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:17:06

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:41 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft media advisory with edits

Excellent - and great timing with the recent revelations in national press that Iowa's electronic voting machines may have problems. Thanks for working on this.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 09:25:56

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Draft media advisory with edits

Governor,

Just wanted you to be aware of what we were doing Friday when UAA releases phase 1 of the Alaska Elections Security Project. I gave Kris P. and Mike T. a heads up yesterday on this. Shouldn't be any bombshells. We're being proactive about ensuring elections security. Last summer I asked the University to take an independent look at our elections technology and the processes/procedures employed. UAA completed its initial look and will provide a more in depth review in Phase II, across the next three months. My intent with the Division is to implement recommendations in time for 2008 elections.

What UAA found in this first phase was to them, "...in many ways re-assuring: Alaska's system has many features that improve security. Those include paper back ups for electronic counts, cross checking of vote counts in different locations, and a centralized system for state and federal elections throughout Alaska." (In other states, counties use their own patchwork of different procedures.)

A number of vulnerabilities have also been identified.. For example, the scanners and touch screens "sleep over" with election workers in remote locations because the machines are flown in ahead of time to Bush villages. The Division has procedures for multiple people to check the accuracy of the starting count (set to zero) before polling begins, paper copies of votes are kept, and other procedures maintained to ensure the integrity of the process, but the University will delve deeper into whether other layers of safeguards are needed. In Phase II, UAA will continue to examine the technology (scanners/touch screens) used and make recommendations for improving elections security.

Sean

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:32 AM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Great letter. Pls send. Thanks Randy.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 16:17:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
 - 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port;
- and

- 3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:26 AM
To: Beth Leschper; Craig J (LAW) Tillery; Sharon Leighow; John Katz
Cc: K Perry; Mike Tibbles; Talis Colberg
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Thanks for providing them good info, Craig. I appreciate you speaking with Erika.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tillery, Craig J (LAW)" <craig.tillery@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 15:08:38

To: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, ExternalEmailgsp
<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Leighow, Sharon W
(GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)"
<kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

I just spoke with Erika. She did not bring up the question of cooperation with the Congressional delegation, thus it would still be useful to have that discussion at a later date. My conversation was fairly short, as she did seem to be on a tight deadline, and she was mainly interested in the nature of the brief the State was preparing. I briefly described to her the history of the state's involvement in the private plaintiff punitive damage claim by way of prelude to telling her that we were new to this particular discussion and therefore still developing the brief. I then told her that in general we anticipated the brief would include a discussion of the legal issues enumerated by the Supreme Court as well as address Exxon's view that the payments it had made to the Governments for fines, penalties and damages somehow meant that it should not have to pay punitive damages. She asked if there was any particular legal issue that concerned us and I mentioned the second issue, the supposed preemptive effect of the Clean Water Act on common law punitive damages.

Craig J. Tillery

Deputy Attorney General

Alaska Department of Law

1031 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 269-5200

craig.tillery@alaska.gov

Please note that my email address has changed to craig.tillery@alaska.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:55 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Katz, John W (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)

Subject: RE: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Governor:

Erika called early this afternoon with a request for an interview.

However she is working on deadline now, she said she is filing her story in the next few minutes, and you are otherwise committed.

Craig Tillery will give her a quick interview.

I talked to Erika about doing another, longer piece in the near future and we'll work with her and Janice to get something on your schedule so that we can still get your message out.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 12:30 PM

To: Katz, John W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)

Subject: Re: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Thank you. Happy to talk to press about it bc I respect Stevens' position on perhaps doing

his own... and I know this is bridge builder, not a rift.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2007 16:13:11

To: "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Craig Tillery" <Craig_Tillery@law.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Erika Bolstad, the ADN's DC reporter, has contacted the Alaska = Congressional delegation to ascertain whether they intend to join the = State's amicus brief in the Exxon Valdez litigation. It isn't clear = whether a secondary goal is to try to identify or create a rift = between the Governor and the delegation.

The delegation may respond as an entity or as individuals. In = any event, I'm told that they will refer to the close communication = and coordination which has occurred so far. One or more of them = might also mention their inclination to join the State's brief subject to = seeing a draft.

I think we're in good shape with the delegation. There truly = has been much communication and a united front in supporting the = plaintiffs and in thinking through the Solicitor General's involvement= .

I don't know whether Erika will call you or us, but I wanted you to = be aware of what's going on.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:24 AM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Phone call

Sorry I was late getting home last night - thanks for your patience.

I'll be in the office late this afternoon, but before five. We can discuss more then- either via phone or in office, whatever works for you all. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Balash
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Dec 19, 2007 6:02 PM
Subject: Phone call

Governor,

We are standing by to give you a call (tom, pat, Marty, and myself). Just drop me an email when you get there and are ready.

Joe

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:22 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Amazing speech

Thank you ivy!!!

Sure hope you're feeling better. I know those yucky incidents can really whack you out for awhile. I'm so sorry that happened to you.

When do you get up here for Christmas - and do you stay through New Year's celebrations?

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Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 18:21:46

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Subject: Amazing speech

I just have to see you gave a heart warming speech to our troops. Woke up from a nap just to listen this afternoon. Made me proud governor. It's especially touching because I see the sacrifices personally in your family. Please thank Track for selflessly choosing to defend all of us and our freedom.

Merry Christmas,

Ivy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:35 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: WICHE Stat Alert

From: Stats [mailto:stats@wiche.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:17 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: WICHE Stat Alert

Stat Alert – December 20, 2007

WICHE has released a new Policy Insight (<http://www.wiche.edu/policy/PolicyInsights/TF07-08.pdf>) that examines tuition and fees charges in public higher education institutions in the West for the 2007-08 academic year.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) strives to maintain excellent communication with the education policy and research communities. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Policy Alerts and/or Stat Alerts distribution lists, please email your name, title, and organization to Jeanette Porter at jporter@wiche.edu. These electronic distribution lists are used only to support WICHE-sponsored programs and to share resources about relevant issues in higher education policy and research. As an additional resource, WICHE maintains a Policy Publication Clearinghouse on the web at <http://wiche.edu/policy/Clearinghouse>, which includes past Policy Alerts and Stat Alerts, as well as other studies, reports, surveys, and policy briefs.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
 Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:55 PM
 To: SOA All employees
 Subject: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

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Items of Interest

Peak Performance Denali Awards Coming Soon!

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will be Jan. 1-Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories - coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations can be made by any employee, including self-nomination. For more information about the nomination process, please visit the website at <http://soa.psalaska.us/index.php?id=1120>

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category. Each nomination must be submitted to the employee's departmental Denali Award representative by Feb. 15. Department Denali Award representatives are:

Merry Christmas from Governor Sa

Christmas is a season for good will villages to our largest cities, and it so blessed to live and work in a st

Great things are happening in Alas can reflect on how far we've come and determination. We have so m of giving and fellowship, love and

I want to thank Alaska's service m are deeply grateful for their coura; protection and may they return ho

To every Alaskan, may the peace warm every home with the blessin

Merry Christmas and Happy Hol

FY09 Budget Documents

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Changing the Course to Slow Government Growth

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FY09 General Fund Budget

We presented a budget on Dec. 1 Legislature, five days before the l Our \$4.6 billion budget, which inc pro-family initiatives, is part of a fi that builds on our commitment to government growth, from an aver to only four percent

The plan is based on three princip future, living within our means an government spending and rampin development. Our plan focuses o core services and constitutionally responsibilities.

I announced a \$7.1 billion savings plan on Dec. 5. The savings porti is a key element of our fiscal plan aside, Alaska will be able to meet like funding schools, public safety - when oil prices drop, revenues i federal largesse that we're so use continue at the same level that Al the past.

We are extremely blessed with a \$4.6 billion. This gives us the opp than save for near term spending unprecedented opportunity to sav generations.

Flags Lowered for Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention

Judge Tom Stewart Dead at 88

Governor Sarah Palin ordered state flags lowered to half-staff on Dec. 18 in honor and memory of retired Superior Court Judge Thomas Stewart. Judge Stewart died Dec. 12 in Juneau. He was 88.

Judge Stewart served in the territorial House of Representatives and served as a senator in the first session of the Alaska Legislature. He was the secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1953 and 1956. Judge Stewart also served as Superior Court Judge in Juneau from 1966 until his retirement in 1981.

During World War II, he was a U.S. Army captain in the 10th Mountain Division six troops, serving in Italy and the Aleutian Islands.

"We lost a true visionary and a wealth of Alaska knowledge," said Governor Palin. "We can forever hold on to Judge Stewart's Alaskan spirit and his guidance for the future if we abide by the constitution he helped create. Todd and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones."

Judge Stewart volunteered for the Juneau World Affairs Council, served on the board of directors for the Symphony Foundation and the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, and was active with the Juneau Lyric Opera and other arts and community groups.

Judge Stewart is survived by six of his children.

Governor to Present State of the State

11/9/2009

Address

<http://www.gov.state.ak.us/govbudget.php>

Governor Palin will present her 2006 State of the State address to the citizens of Alaska at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15 before a joint session of the Alaska Legislature in the House Chamber in the Capitol. The Legislature will hold its regular 2006 session Jan. 15-Apr. 13.

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 Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Q: Commissioner, please describe your personal background?

I first came to Alaska in 1959. My father worked for Green Construction Company. My summers as a young person were spent around Alaska on construction projects from Ketchikan to Kotzebue and just about every town or village on the Alaska State Highway System. I am a third generation construction worker. After graduating from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks I went to work on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. I spent 16 years in the field on projects all over the state and I spent another 16 years working for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as coordinator and administrator.

Q: What do you do for fun on your spare time?

I like to hunt, trap and fish, snow machine, race boats and mine for gold. I love to spend quality time with my wife, daughters and granddaughters, and my dog Raven.

Q: What is your favorite movie and why?

Patton. I am very patriotic. Patton thought outside the box and didn't lead from the rear. My uncle served with Patton's 3rd Army and was also an honor guard at his funeral. Patton could motivate people. Makes you proud to be an American.

Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?

Cutting open asphalt drums with a chisel, one barrel at a time. Years ago asphalt was shipped to the bush in 55 gallon drums and you had to manually remove the top of the drum. When you use up to 8,000 gallons a day, that's a lot of drums - boring.

Q: How have you worked with the Alaska labor community?

I worked for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as the statewide coordinator and administrator for 16 years promoting and expanding apprenticeship opportunities. I also worked on bringing other training programs together in sharing resources and training together as a team where applicable. Some of the trainings that occurred were ball field, soccer field and parking lot grading and paving for non-profit organizations.

Q: What is your involvement with the Alaska Pipeline Training program?

Alaska Works Partnership provides a pipeline training course every fall to Alaskans wanting to work in the oil and gas construction industry. My previous involvement with the pipeline training was as the team leader for the program. My present involvement is knowledge transfer.

Q: After graduation, what opportunities become available for graduates?

In the past more than 80 percent of graduates of each class were placed on North Slope pipeline projects in the same training year.

Q: Why is this program important for the development of the Alaska workforce, especially with the Natural Gas Pipeline on the horizon?

It is our responsibility, everyone not just the state, this time around to step up to the plate and maximize the lessons learned from the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) construction, and implement those lessons to training the next generation of Alaskan pipeliners.

Q: What would you tell a student who is worried about the future of oil and gas development in Alaska with the declining fields and world focus on alternative energies?

I would tell a student today the same thing that I told our entry level class of operators in 1998, Alaska is the place to be for the next 25 years in the business of oil and gas, as well as highway construction and mineral development. I am the eternal optimist and never really had a bad day. Some are just better than others. Life is what you make of it.

Q: How does an interested party find additional information for enrollment?

Alaska Works Partnerships, (907) 569-4711.



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Support Our Troops, at Home and Away

A great way to help our soldiers when they are away is to support the USO (United Service Organizations). They provide all the services our men and women in uniform need beyond the battlefield. Show your support and visit the USO website.

Until next time,



Governor Sarah Palin

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:17 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Governor - I have updated calendar to reflect Wal-Mart Event for today:

Location: Wal-Mart Store - 8900 Old Seward Hwy. - ENTER Front of Store - South end by McDonald's

2:00 p.m. beginning of event. Wal-Mart will present check of \$25,000 (500 gift cards) to the Salvation Army. The Wal-Mart Manager is Marty Howard. Marty is celebrating 27 years with Wal-Mart. Major Doug Pollerud, Salvation Army Divisional Commander will be accepting the check for the Salvation Army.

They have chosen various families: Some work for the National Guard, one is a single mother of five, a child with cancer, etc.

They will present check @2:00 p.m. - hope to have gift cards in the families hands by 2:10/2:15 p.m. Shopping will then begin. If the Governor could help the families shop. I have stressed that since this was just asked of the Governor to be present during this time that she not expected to give a speech. They may want her to say "Thank you." I have also stressed that the Governor has other commitments and only has approx. 45 - 60 minutes for this event. They understand that when she needs to depart that is fine. Janice

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:18 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Hamel

Governor,

Chuck Hamel sent in a letter to you today via fax that was also sent to Chairman George Miller. The lengthy letter basically boils down to a complaint that the PSIO and State Fire Marshall did not do a through job investigating the August 6, 2007 fire at GC-1. He claims the investigation only supported BP's position and did not adequately review the severity of BP's failed preventive maintenance.

Chuck called this morning and talked to Sunny. I guess he is sick and can not use his email. I was going to send him a response today along the lines we discussed yesterday that I have been receiving his emails and briefing you accordingly. Sunny did pass that along and he was please with the amount of time she spent on the phone with him. He is also pleased with how responsive Katz has been.

I did receive an email from Benoit Faucon of the Dow Jones Newswires inquiring if we had a response to Chuck's letter. I was thinking I would call Tom Irwin and let him know that we need an update on the situation. I also thought that I would send a quick response to the reporter letting him know that we just received Chuck's fax today and that the Governor's office is looking into the issue but would not be prepared to make a statement today.

Does that sound OK with you?

Mike

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To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Wagoner

Governor,

I have traded phone messages with Sen. Tom Wagoner for weeks regarding Jeremiah Campbell on the Board of Fisheries. I finally had a chance to talk to him yesterday at the bill signing. He wanted to know what we concluded. Consistent with our last conversation, I told him that I did track down information from the Troopers. Their report indicated that Jeremiah fully complied with the investigation, admitted that he made a clerical error in signing the wrong paperwork. The troopers did not believe there was any intentional wrongdoing. I told him that given the elapsed time and the low severity of the offense, we were not going to hold a hearing to remove him. Going through a public hearing to unseat him this close to a Board meeting addressing Cook Inlet issues would certainly look politically motivated and seen as an attempt to influence the outcome of the next meeting. Obviously he was not happy but he knows there will be vacancies coming up and we can have the appropriate conversation about board balance within that context.

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Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Draft media advisory with edits

Governor,

Just wanted you to be aware of what we were doing Friday when UAA releases phase 1 of the Alaska Elections Security Project. I gave Kris P. and Mike T. a heads up yesterday on this. Shouldn't be any bombshells. We're being proactive about ensuring elections security. Last summer I asked the University to take an independent look at our elections technology and the processes/procedures employed. UAA completed its initial look and will provide a more in depth review in Phase II, across the next three months. My intent with the Division is to implement recommendations in time for 2008 elections.

What UAA found in this first phase was to them, "...in many ways re-assuring: Alaska's system has many features that improve security. Those include paper back ups for electronic counts, cross checking of vote counts in different locations, and a centralized system for state and federal elections throughout Alaska." (In other states, counties use their own patchwork of different procedures.)

A number of vulnerabilities have also been identified.... For example, the scanners and touch screens "sleep over" with election workers in remote locations because the machines are flown in ahead of time to Bush villages. The Division has procedures for multiple people to check the accuracy of the starting count (set to zero) before polling begins, paper copies of votes are kept, and other procedures maintained to ensure the integrity of the process, but the University will delve deeper into whether other layers of safeguards are needed. In Phase II, UAA will continue to examine the technology (scanners/touch screens) used and make recommendations for improving elections security.

Sean

8/27/2009

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: WalMart

Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: WalMart

Is there someone I should hook up with at the 2pm Salvation Army thing at wal mart today?
Did they want me to park anywhere in a designated area?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:51 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: December Perspective Newsletter

From: Achieve, Inc. [mailto:perspective@achieve.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:50 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: December Perspective Newsletter



Perspective

News and Views from Achieve

December 2007

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Commentary

When Achieve's American Diploma Project (ADP) Network was founded at the 2005 National Education Summit, only two states (Texas and Arkansas) had graduation requirements rigorous enough to prepare students for success in college and careers. The governors and state education leaders who helped start the ADP Network recognized that if they wanted their graduates to be able to compete for college and jobs in a "flat world" their 20th century education standards were no longer good enough. They also understood the power of collaborating with and learning from each other as they raised expectations.

Nowhere has the power of collective state action been more apparent than in the rapid adoption by states of rigorous college and career ready graduation requirements. What began as two states just under three years ago now stands at 17, with Louisiana and Arizona taking action to raise their graduation requirements just this month. For a state by state comparison of the new requirements, go [here](#).

Each of the states that have put new requirements in place has faced a series of difficult decisions in designing and implementing its graduation policy. In which



Aligning High School Graduation Requirements with the Real World: A Road Map for States

The high school graduation requirements in many states are outdated and do not prepare students for success in college and careers. This article provides a road map for states to align their graduation requirements with the real world. It discusses the importance of collaboration and the need to raise expectations. It also provides a list of states that have adopted rigorous graduation requirements.

subject areas should the state establish requirements and how challenging should those requirements be? Should the new requirements be mandatory for all students or should there be an opt-out provision? How will the state ensure that courses with the same name are taught in a consistently rigorous manner across the state? What are the implications for career and technical education or other non traditional curricular pathways? The list goes on.

In order to help states navigate these issues, Achieve held a strategy session for ADP states earlier this year. We invited leaders from states who had already raised graduation requirements to attend so they could share their experiences and lessons learned with states that were planning action. The dynamics and the ideas that emerged were powerful.

As an outgrowth of that meeting, Achieve has developed a policy brief entitled, "Aligning High School Graduation Requirements with the Real World: A Road Map for States." (Download it [here](#).) The Road Map addresses the most frequently cited challenges of policy design as well as strategies for implementation, communication and coalition building. It draws heavily on the experience of early adopter states.

Raising graduation requirements is no panacea. It brings numerous capacity challenges to the fore, from finding enough qualified math and science teachers to ensuring students receive the support they need to succeed. But that is exactly the point. Setting the bar so that all students graduate from high school prepared for the real world is an important first step in addressing and resolving these critical issues. Once the bar is set, it enables all of the leaders in the state, in districts and in schools to focus on what really matters: doing what it takes to help students succeed.

New from Achieve

ADP Mathematics Backmapped Benchmarks

Achieve has mapped out what students need to know and be able to do in mathematics in grades K-12, seamlessly connecting the expectations throughout the grades with those for the end of high school. These benchmarks outline a progression of mathematics content that, if followed, will ensure that students master the content needed to be successful in college and work. [More...](#)

Policy Brief on Interim Assessments

School districts increasingly see interim assessments as an important element in their instructional improvement strategy and are implementing interim assessments district-wide in multiple grades and content areas. Yet, they face significant design and implementation challenges to realizing the potential of interim assessments to improve teaching and learning. The Aspen Institute Education and Society Program and Achieve, Inc. partnered with the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment to develop a policy brief on the role of interim assessments in a comprehensive assessment system. The goals are to clarify how interim assessments fit into the landscape of formative assessment and to offer recommendations to districts on the appropriate use of

Interim assessments as part of a broader assessment system. The brief is informed by conversations with the Aspen Institute Urban Superintendents Network and the affiliated Dana Center-Achieve Urban Mathematics Leaders Network. [More...](#)

Common Algebra II Test Update

The end-of-course Algebra II exam is the largest effort a group of states has ever undertaken to develop a common assessment based on common standards. Nine ADP Network states - Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island - formed the consortium initially and a number of other states are in the process of joining. The first field test of the Algebra II exam occurred in October. An additional field test will be held in February 2008. First operational administration of the test will occur in May 2008. A fact sheet that answers frequently asked questions is available, including information on the core test content and how states can become members of the consortium. [More...](#)

Louisiana and Arizona Increase Graduation Requirements

In early December the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved college- and career-ready graduation requirements. The revision to Bulletin 741, the Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, will increase the Carnegie credits needed to earn a diploma from 23 to 24 by requiring a fourth year of math, including Algebra II, for high school graduation. Beginning with incoming freshman in 2008-09, all students automatically will be enrolled in the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum, which includes four units each of English, math, science, and social studies; one unit of visual arts, performing arts, or Fine Arts Survey; and two units of foreign language or speech courses. These revisions are the result of recommendations from the Louisiana High School Redesign Commission, a statewide collaborative effort of the Department of Education, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents and the Governor's Office.

At its meeting on December 10, the Arizona State Board of Education raised its graduation requirements, bringing the total number of states

News Clips

1. Align Student Performance with U.S., Global Standards.

The Arizona Republic published a viewpoint by Dr. Craig R. Barrett and Dr. Lattie F. Coor that strongly endorses an increase in the graduation standards of Arizona schools. It points out that, "If we ... do not educate our students to world standards, we will not be competitive." [More...](#)

2. Education Reform in Tennessee.

Dr. Susan Bunch, Assistant Commissioner for Teaching and Learning at the Tennessee Department of Education, notes in an editorial that, "The standards and curriculum that determine the framework and requirements for learning are the bedrock of a quality

with college- and career-ready graduation requirements to 17. It added two additional years of math (Algebra II and another course that includes significant math content), one additional credit of science, and one-half credit of economics. The changes will be phased in beginning with the graduating class of 2012. These students will have to complete 20 credits, including one-half credit of economics and three credits of math. The class of 2013 must earn 22 credits to graduate high school. The final rules are posted on the Board of Education's [website](#). Read an [article](#) in the *Arizona Daily Star*.

education. Gov. Phil Bredesen is leading the drive to bring the community together to advance those learning standards under the Tennessee Diploma Project." [More...](#)

3. World's Schools Teach U.S. a Lesson.

An article in *The Christian Science Monitor* focuses on the need to better prepare students in light of global competition. Achieve president Mike Cohen says that "governors and chief state school officers ... basically have said, 'Well, it's great that you want us to align our expectations with the real world kids will face domestically ... but that's not enough; we need to know what our expectations ought to be in order for our kids to succeed [globally].'" [More...](#)

New Resources

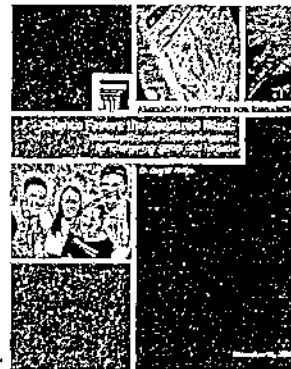
- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) released the results of the 2007 reading and mathematics assessments, known as the Trial Urban District Assessments, or TUDAs. These assessments were given earlier this year to 4th- and 8th-grade students at eleven urban school districts at the same time as national- and state-level assessments. The study compares students' scores against the average nationally and the averages of students in other large central cities (population >250,000). Key findings show that national NAEP trends in 4th and 8th grade math and reading scores were similarly observed among the urban districts tested.
 - The national average for 4th grade NAEP math scores increased from 2003 to 2007. Eight urban districts saw a similar increase, three saw no change.
 - The national average for 8th grade NAEP math scores increased

from 2003 to 2007. All eleven urban districts saw a similar increase.

- o The national average for 4th grade NAEP reading scores increased from 2003 to 2007. Ten urban districts saw a similar increase, one saw no change.
- o The national average for 8th grade NAEP reading scores remained constant from 2003 to 2007. Seven urban districts saw a similar stagnation, three saw an increase.

Detailed statistics about particular districts show some areas where achievement gaps are being closed. The full [TUDA report](#) gives examples.

- The American Institutes for Research (AIR) has issued a report entitled, "Chance Favors the Prepared Mind: Mathematics and Science Indicators for Comparing States and Nations." It compares the mathematics and science skills of 8th-grade students in each of the 50 states, D.C., and U.S. Department of Defense schools with those of their counterparts around the world and provides international benchmarks to help states see how their students are doing within an international context.



"More than a century ago Louis Pasteur revealed the secret to invention and innovation when he said 'chance favors the prepared mind'. The take away message from this report is that the United States is losing the race to prepare the minds of the future generation," says Dr. Gary Phillips, a chief scientist at AIR and report author.

According to the study, students in Singapore and several other Asian countries significantly outperform U.S. students, even those in high-achieving states. [Download the report...](#)

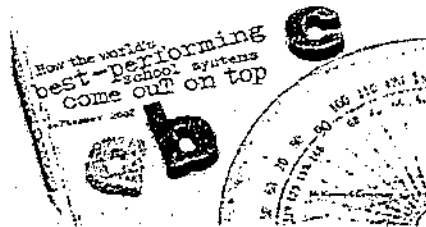
- The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) results are in. PISA is an assessment that focuses on 15-year-olds' capabilities in reading literacy, mathematics literacy, and science literacy. In the U.S., this age corresponds largely to grade 9 and 10 students. It is coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental organization of industrialized countries. In 2006, fifty-seven jurisdictions participated in PISA, including 30 OECD jurisdictions and 27 non-OECD jurisdictions. The results show the average combined science literacy scale score for U.S. students to be lower than the OECD average. U.S. students scored lower on science literacy than their peers in 16 of the other 29 OECD jurisdictions and 6 of the 27 non-OECD jurisdictions. Twenty-two jurisdictions (5 OECD jurisdictions and 17 non-OECD jurisdictions) reported lower scores compared to the U.S. in science literacy.

On the mathematics literacy scale, U.S. students scored lower than the

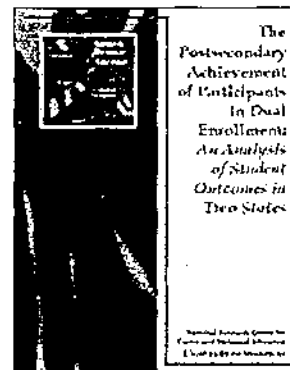
OECD average. Thirty-one jurisdictions (23 OECD jurisdictions and 8 non-OECD jurisdictions) scored higher on average, than the U.S. in mathematics literacy in 2006. In contrast, 20 jurisdictions (4 OECD jurisdictions and 16 non-OECD jurisdictions) scored lower than the U.S. in mathematics literacy in 2006.

Administered every three years, PISA includes measures of general or cross-curricular competencies, such as learning strategies, and emphasizes skills that students have acquired as they near the end of mandatory schooling. PISA 2000 focused on reading literacy, PISA 2003 focused on mathematics literacy, and PISA 2006 focused on science literacy. [More...](#)

- McKinsey & Company, a global consulting group, conducted a study to find out why some schools succeed where others do not. It studied 25 of the world's school systems, including 10 of the top performers. The experiences of these systems suggests that three things matter most: 1) getting the right people to become teachers, 2) developing them into effective instructors, and 3) ensuring that the system is able to deliver the best possible instruction for every student. Read the [PDF](#) and an article in [The Economist](#).



- Researchers at the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University, have examined the outcomes of dual enrollment participation for students in Florida and New York City, with emphasis on students in career and technical education (CTE) programs. "The Postsecondary Achievement of Participants in Dual Enrollment: An Analysis of Student Outcomes in Two States" analyzes both short-term and long-term effects of participation in dual enrollment and differential effects based on demographics such as race/ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status. The authors report positive effects from participation and provide evidence that dual enrollment can be an effective transition strategy for a variety of students. [More...](#)



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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:43 AM
To: sheridanak@gsi.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:15 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Edward Sheridan
address: 5920 Ridgeland Cir Anchorage AK 99504
344-8685

MESSAGE:

Thank You for the Christmas Eve leave. I have worked for the state for 11 years under two other administrations and this is a first. Merry Christmas to you and your family.-Ed Sheridan

sheridanak@gsi.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:49 AM
To: Wright, Kelli J (DOT)
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:06 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail fro

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:46 AM
To: jessicacox8@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 5:13 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jessica Co

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:45 AM
To: elliot_edenmarie@asdk12.org
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 6:19 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Eden Elliott-Hernandez
address: 11229 Mausel St Eagle River AK 99577
907 350-5617

MESSAGE:

Just a quick note to commend you on a job well done! You are straightforward, proactive, and committed to high levels of excellence. As a Christian, a woman, and as a teacher I am continuously astounded at the positive dialogue and involvement your governorship has provided. Your leadership has proved to be a segue to both hope and increased levels of trust in our government. Your administration reflects the true meaning of democracy; we are fortunate to have you as our Governor.

Merry Christmas, and may God continue to bless you and your difficult decisions in the future.

Eden Elliott-Hernandez
Mountain View Elementary

elliot_edenmarie@asdk12.org

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 6:03 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Phone call

Governor,

We are standing by to give you a call (tom, pat, Marty, and myself). Just drop me an email when you get there and are ready.

Joe

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Haven't read all of it but summary sounds great - I'll finish tonight.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 16:17:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
 - 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port;
- and

3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: 'revans@fs.fed.us'
Subject: RE: Transportation

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:24 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Mr. Ross Evans

address: 2116 Halibut Point Road #4 Sitka AK 99835

MESSAGE:

I have read the upcoming budget you have proposed. I do agree with you that slowing governmental growth is important. I believe in less government overall. That being said, there is an area of state government that if neglected, as has been and will be, based on your proposed budget, causes damage to citizens and visitors alike. The AMHA is vital to many communities, especially in the southeast. The service has suffered alot of very publicly announced losses lately, and the proposed budget does nothing to recoup those losses and provide for current and future operations. The combination of the aging fleet, the unexpected operational problems with the fast ferries, the high cost of fuel...all have damaged the ability of the AMHS to provide even basic transportation services. These are not my opinion, these are facts agreed upon by all. My question is, knowing how poorly the service is doing presently, why is the proposed budget not being developed to fix the existing problems, support

current operations, and provide for the already publicized major expenditures required to provide the service in the future? I am a disabled veteran, and the ferry is my only means of transportation to shop in Juneau. Since I live on a fixed income, I must shop very carefully and within a strict budget. So shopping in Juneau, making bulk purchases, is the only way I can afford many of my daily use items. I cannot take these items on Alaska Airlines, so the ferry is my only other available option. Since service cuts have already decimated Sitka to Juneau (or Sitka to anywhere, for that matter) service, how can I expect to stay in Sitka and survive? Tourists will not be able to visit as much, I cannot make it to medical appts, I cannot visit anyone, vehicles cannot be transported to Sitka,... the list goes on and on. Why is a basic service to Alaskans being allowed to be discontinued like this? Please, begging is not pretty, but sometimes necessary. Cutting basic services, while banking

record budget surpluses sickens me. Plea!

se don't do it anymore. Please help. Thank you.

revans@fs.fed.us

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: scamp@hopealaska.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Sandra Camp
address: 540 W. International Airport R Anchorage AK 99518-1105
907-333-5183

MESSAGE:

Sandra Camp
540 W. International Airport Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99518-1105

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

In Alaska, families with children make up 45% of the homeless, and the average age of a homeless person in Alaska is nine years old. More and more families are being driven into homelessness due to inadequate income, lack of affordable housing or a catastrophic event such as loss of a job, illness, injury or the need to flee from a violent partner. Whatever the reason for homelessness, a safe and affordable home will help children be more successful in school and promote strong families that can care for all their members.

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Sandra Camp

907-333-5183

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scamp@hopealaska.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: s.lewis@valleyres.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Lewis
address: PO Box 877782 Wasilla AK 99687-7782

MESSAGE:

Susan Lewis
PO Box 877782
Wasilla, AK 99687-7782

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Sincerely,

Susan Lewis, Accountant

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: kobukvalleyconsulting@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:03 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
address: PO Box 15 Kiana AK 99749-0015
907-475-2297

MESSAGE:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
PO Box 15
Kiana, AK 99749-0015

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

You asked for input, and you listened to what we said. You have made a big difference in many people's lives by doing so.

Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus

907-475-2297

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kobukvalleyconsulting@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Weber, Natalie E (DFG)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:55 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Natalie W

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Rymer, John P (DOA)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve

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From: Rymer, John P (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:37 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Christmas Eve

Governor Palin,

Thank you very much for the extra time with our family and friends

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: jweaverak@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:38 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Mr. John Weaver
address: 8420 Longhorn St Anchorage AK 99507-6350
9073464560

MESSAGE:

John Weaver
8420 Longhorn Street
Anchorage, AK 99507-6350

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

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Sincerely,

John Weaver

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jweaverak@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: dsantodm@muni.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:15 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Diane DiSanto
address: Municiplity of Anchorage, Mayo Anchorage AK 99519-6650
343-7105

MESSAGE:

Diane DiSanto
Municiplity of Anchorage, Mayor's office, PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Diane DiSanto

343-7105

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disantodm@muni.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: aangel@focusoutreach.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:18 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Annette Angel
address: PO Box 671750 Chugiak AK 99567-1750
907-688-0282

MESSAGE:

Annette Angel
PO Box 671750
Chugiak, AK 99567-1750

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

In Alaska, families with children make up 45% of the homeless, and the average age of a homeless person in Alaska is nine years old. More and more families are being driven into homelessness due to inadequate income, lack of affordable housing or a catastrophic event such as loss of a job, illness, injury or the need to flee from a violent partner. Whatever the reason for homelessness, a safe and affordable home will help children be more successful in school and promote strong families that can care for all their members.

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Sincerely,

Annette Angel

907-688-0282

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aangel@focusoutreach.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:44 PM
To: Gray; Mary A (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:18 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mary Gray

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:42 PM
To: Wilson; Debra E (CED)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:59 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Debra Wi

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:43 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mt View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

I'll ctach up w Diane.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 10:44:17

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

Governor - Would you prefer to drive during the tour at Mt. View with passengers or would you prefer to ride and have someone else drive during this time. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:42 AM
To: Jedlicka; Kiersten W (DOA)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kiersten

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:25 AM
To: Milward; Kathy L (DOL)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

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From: Milward, Kathy L (DOL)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:13 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

Dear Sarah,

I am a valley girl like yourself and, althou

Unknown

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:51 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: State Email mess

Here was Admin's response back to Mr. King about the email issue. I don't know if someone re-forwarded this to you with your correct addy. Sorry if you've already received it.
F

From: Petro, Rachael A (DOA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Ron King; Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: RE: State Email mess

Please feel free to contact me directly and privately in regard to your concerns about the new email system. My direct line is 269-5795.

We are painfully aware of our reputation for poor customer service and are committed to working out the issues with the new email system. We are implementing new processes within ETS which will enable us to provide the customer service our customers deserve. This process is now in place for ALMR/SATS and is "coming soon" to the remainder of the division.

You are correct that agency staff who worked to implement the new email system deserve kudos, and I apologize for not incorporating them into the recognition event. That was a complete oversight, and certainly not intended to be a slap in the face. I am sorry.

Please contact me directly to share your concerns in confidence -- so we can begin to find solutions.

Sincerely,
Rachael Petro

Rachael Petro
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administration

www.state.ak.us/admin Website
rachael.petro@alaska.gov Email
907-269-0303 Main
907-269-5795 Direct
907-269-0308 Fax

From: Ron King [mailto:ron.king71@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Petro, Rachael A (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: State Email mess

8/26/2009

I apologize for writing this anonymously, but there's never been a forum offered for such blunt comments on the state email mess. I also fear retribution for speaking my mind. I also apologize for my sarcasm, but at this point, it's the only way I can deal with it.

I don't know who's idea it was to throw a party for ETS and give awards for the mis-implementation of the new email system, but it was a HUGE slap in the face to employees in other departments who devoted time and effort to try to make it work. Not to mention, it doesn't work properly! But the worst part is that NOTHING is being done about the inadequacies of the new system.

Thanks for using technology to make it harder to do business. I thought it was supposed to be the other way around.

But, whatever is easier for ETS, right?

Looking for last minute shopping deals? [Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.](#)

8/26/2009

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:24 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Other

Governor - I wanted to make sure that you do not know this family personally. If we don't want to do a letter of recommendation maybe we could send a Christmas card and nice letter of encouragement/congratulations to the son. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:01 AM
To: donna_suzanne_anderson@yahoo.com

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 5:45 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms.

Unknown

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:44 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today
Importance: High

Governor - Would you prefer to drive during the tour at Mt. View with passengers or would you prefer to ride and have someone else drive during this time. Thanks, Janice

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 1:07 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: MHTA

In case you hear anything about this, we got a list back on potentials for the three openings on the Mental Health Trust Authority. These potential nominees have come through the MHT nominating committee. Privileged or Per
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We should have an updated letter of potential nominees from Jeff Jesse by mid next week for you to select from.

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8/26/2009

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:18 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
- 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port; and
- 3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

8/28/2009

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:16 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fishermen's Fund

Governor,

We have another spot to fill on the Fishermen's Fund – this one the Northern Southeast seat. Two Options researched by Cora below. I'd lean towards Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Below are the only two applicants we have on file for this position.

Filling this seat will leave just one recent vacancy that opened up when Andy Ruby passed away. We're working on this to pick another one off our list.

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From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:35 PM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Fishermen's Fund

Frank,

For the District 2 seat on Fishermen's Fund (Northern Southeast) we have two applicants.

1. Alan Anderson of Sitka is a lifelong Alaskan fisherman who has served on the boards of Seafood Producers Cooperative and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association for many years.

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2. Chris Knight of Juneau is a fisherman who is also a registered lobbyist. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Let me know if I should keep looking.

Thanks,
Cora

Cora Crome
Fisheries Policy Advisor
Office of the Governor
(907) 465-3500

Please note that my e-mail address has changed. The new address is cora.crome@alaska.gov.

8/27/2009